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SUBJECT: PERU UNFAMILIAR WITH ANGARSK NUCLEAR FUEL BANK PROPOSAL BUT PLANS TO PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE

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- 11. (SBU) Econoffs met on November 20 with Minister Counselor Vitaliano Gallardo and First Secretary Juan Pablo GUERRERO Espinoza of the International Security and Disarmament Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to call for IAEA board member support for the Angarsk fuel bank proposal. Both officials appeared to be unfamiliar with the proposal and the implications, but promised to discuss the matter with other Government of Peru officials including with the Peruvian Institute of Nuclear Energy.
- 12. (SBU) Guerrero expressed interest in who supports or opposes the proposal. We replied that while we were not aware of those details, but reaffirmed that the USG supports the nuclear fuel bank because of the benefits stated reftel.
- 13. (SBU) We relayed wishes that should Peru not find itself in a position to approve the proposal, that it abstain from the vote. Gallardo replied that Peru always attempts to play a constructive role in IAEA matters. (Comment: While the officials appeared to be unaware of the proposal and unprepared to respond, we anticipate that they will not oppose the proposal. End Comment.)

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